



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
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Schedule 17

PLEASE NOTE: February 13 – Bill introduction deadline.
All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 12.
As required by House Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 12, 2015

HB 569 Delegate Jackson, et al

STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM – REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIREES

Allowing a retiree of the State Police Retirement System to be reemployed in a permanent position, subject to specified limitations; requiring a retiree of the State Police Retirement System to earn service credit in the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System under specified circumstances; and repealing a specified termination provision pertaining to the reemployment of retirees of the State Police Retirement System.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SP, §§ 24-405 and 26-403 and Chapter 644 of the Acts of 2009, § 3, as amended - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

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HB 570 Prince George's County Delegation**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES –
MOTORCYCLE UNIT PG 305–15**

Requiring the governing body of Prince George's County, by local law, to establish an emergency medical response unit that travels by motorcycle to assist with emergencies in Prince George's County; providing that the local law require a member of a specified unit to be licensed or certified as an emergency medical services provider by the State Emergency Medical Services Board and be licensed to drive a motorcycle.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PS, § 7-404 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 571 Delegate Hettleman, et al**INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – SEXUAL ASSAULT –
POLICY AND SURVEY**

Requiring a specified sexual assault policy adopted by the governing board of each institution of higher education to conform with the requirements of a specified federal law; requiring a specified sexual assault policy to include a prohibition of the imposition of sanctions for a specified violation of the institution of higher education's student conduct policy for specified students except if a specified determination is made and the entering of a memorandum of understanding with specified entities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 11-601 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 572 Delegate Cullison, et al**STATE GOVERNMENT – COMMEMORATIVE MONTHS –
ALZHEIMER'S AND BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH**

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim the month of June as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month and to urge the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Department of Aging, in conjunction with specified entities, to properly observe Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities, including specified summits and updates.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

GP, § 7-504 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 573 Delegate Luedtke, et al**FAIR ELECTIONS ACT**

Reforming the system of public financing of campaigns for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor; establishing a Fair Elections Fund; providing for the contents and administration of the Fund; allocating specified fees and penalties that are assessed under the Election Law Article to the Fund; establishing the powers and duties of the State Board with respect to the administration of public campaign financing; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

EL, Various Sections - repealed, amended, and added, SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)25. - amended, and TG, §§ 2-115 and 10-208(v) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 574 Delegate B. Robinson, et al**STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – PHYSICIANS, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, AND ALLIED HEALTH PRACTITIONERS – LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring specified criminal history records checks for physicians, physician assistants, respiratory care practitioners, radiation oncology/therapy, medical radiation, and nuclear medicine technologists, polysomnographic technologists, athletic trainers, perfusionists, and naturopathic practitioners; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

HO, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 575 Delegate Valentino-Smith, et al**FAMILY LAW – PROTECTING THE RESOURCES OF CHILDREN IN STATE CUSTODY**

Authorizing the Department of Human Resources to serve in a fiduciary capacity for children in its custody; requiring the Department, in any action, service, or decision on behalf of a child in its custody, to protect and serve the best interest of the child; prohibiting the Department from imposing a debt obligation on a child in its custody or taking any other action that requires the child to pay for the child's own care or custody; requiring the Department to take specified actions when serving as a representative payee; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

FL, § 5-527.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 576 Delegate Rosenberg**MARYLAND LOCAL STOCK MARKET AND SOCIAL STOCK EXCHANGE TASK FORCE**

Establishing the Maryland Local Stock Market and Social Stock Exchange Task Force; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding the feasibility of establishing an investment stock market or social stock exchange to the Governor and General Assembly on or before October 1, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 577 Delegate Valentino-Smith, et al**FAMILY LAW – DE FACTO PARENT**

Authorizing a court, on request of specified parties in specified judicial proceedings, to determine whether an individual is a de facto parent of a child; authorizing an individual asserting de facto parent status to intervene in or initiate a specified judicial proceeding; establishing that an individual who is judicially determined to be a de facto parent has specified duties, rights, and obligations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

FL, § 5-207 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 578 Delegate Stein, et al**HIGHER EDUCATION – NET PRICE CALCULATOR IMPROVEMENT ACT – ESTABLISHMENT**

Requiring each institution of higher education in the State to meet specified requirements for specified net price calculators on or before July 1, 2016; prohibiting specified institutions of higher education from allowing specified personally identifiable information provided to a specified net price calculator to be sold or otherwise made available to specified third parties; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 18-114 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 579 Charles County Delegation**CRIMES – EXTORTION OF SEXUAL IMAGES**

Prohibiting a person from threatening another person verbally or in writing with the intent to extort sexually explicit or nude photographs or video footage or other visual representations of the other person; and providing penalties for a violation of the Act of up to 10 years in prison or a fine not to exceed \$10,000 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, §§ 3-705 and 3-706 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 580 Delegate Pena–Melnik, et al**HEALTH CARE DISPARITIES, CULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC COMPETENCY, AND HEALTH LITERACY – CONTINUING EDUCATION**

Requiring specified applicants and health care professionals to provide specified boards evidence of completion of specified continuing education requirements; requiring specified boards, in consultation with the Office on Minority Health and Health Disparities and State experts, to adopt specified regulations; stating the intent of the General Assembly that the regulations require 5 to 10% of the total required continuing education credits be in specified subject matter; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HO, §§ 1-801 through 1-804 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 581 Delegate Kramer, et al**CIVIL ACTIONS – DAMAGES FOR CRIMES AGAINST VULNERABLE OR ELDERLY ADULTS – STANDING**

Authorizing the Attorney General to bring a civil action for damages against a person who violates specified provisions of criminal law on behalf of a victim of the offense or a beneficiary of the victim; providing that a specified criminal conviction is not a prerequisite for maintenance of an action under the Act; providing that the Attorney General may recover specified damages under the Act; providing for the prospective application of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

CJ, § 3-2101 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 582 Delegate Sydnor, et al**CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES – SELECTION, QUALIFICATIONS, AND TERM OF OFFICE**

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution repealing provisions relating to election of circuit court judges; requiring the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint a qualified person to fill a vacancy in the office of a judge of the circuit court; altering the term of office of circuit court judges from 15 to 10 years; requiring the Governor to reappoint a circuit court judge, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, upon the expiration of the judge's term; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. IV, §§ 2 and 3 - amended, §§ 5, 18B, and 21A - repealed, and §§ 5 and 5B - added and Art. XVIII, § 6 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 583 Delegate Krebs, et al**OPEN MEETINGS ACT – REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVIDING AGENDAS**

Requiring a public body to provide an agenda containing specified information if the agenda has been determined at the time a public body gives notice of the meeting or if an agenda has not been determined at the time of the meeting notice, the public body shall provide the agenda at least 24 hours before the meeting; providing that specified information does not need to be included in a specified agenda; and authorizing methods by which a public body may provide a specified agenda.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

GP, § 3-302.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 584 Delegate Healey, et al**ETHICS LAW – FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY ELECTED LOCAL OFFICIAL OF A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION – CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

Altering specified financial disclosure provisions governing an elected local official of a municipal corporation; prohibiting the disclosure of specified information concerning specified relatives, interests in specified real property or business entities, or information concerning specified employment or indebtedness that is included in the financial disclosure statement filed by an elected local official of a municipal corporation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

GP, § 5-809 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 585 Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation**MARYLAND–NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION – REGULATIONS TO PROHIBIT SMOKING MC/PG 109–15**

Requiring the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission to adopt regulations on or before June 30, 2016, to prohibit on property under its jurisdiction the smoking of a cigarette, a cigar, or any other tobacco product; and providing for specified exemptions and exclusions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

LU, § 17-207 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 586 Delegate Carter, et al**DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES – JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION – FEASIBILITY OF REPEAL OF EXCLUDED OFFENSES**

Requiring, by December 1, 2015, the Department of Juvenile Services to prepare and submit to the General Assembly a specified assessment of the feasibility of repealing specified provisions of law relating to offenses excluded from the jurisdiction of the juvenile court.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 587 Delegate Davis**STATE BOARD OF BARBERS – LIMITED LICENSE – BARBER–STYLIST**

Establishing a barber–stylist limited license; authorizing the licensee to provide barber–stylist services, under the State Board of Barbers; requiring the Board to adopt regulations to set specified curriculum standards for specified students; requiring an individual to obtain a barber–stylist limited license before providing barber–stylist services; authorizing a specified student to provide barber–stylist services in specified settings without a limited license, under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

BOP, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 588 Delegate Lafferty, et al**VEHICLE LAWS – PASSING BICYCLES, PERSONAL MOBILITY DEVICES, OR MOTOR SCOOTERS**

Requiring that when overtaking a bicycle, an electric personal assistive mobility device (EPAMD), or a motor scooter, the driver of a vehicle is required to pass at a safe speed; and repealing a specified exception to a specified requirement that a driver overtake and pass a bicycle, an EPAMD, or a motor scooter in a specified manner that applies when a highway lacks sufficient width.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 21-1209 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 589 Charles County Delegation**CHARLES COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CERTIFICATION FOR LICENSE APPLICATION**

Requiring the Treasurer of Charles County, instead of the Office of the County Supervisor of Assessments, to prepare a certification showing the value of specified merchandise, fixtures, and stock–in–trade, as certified to the county by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, for a business for which an application is made for a specified alcoholic beverages license.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, §§ 10-104(j), 10-301(i), and 10-503(j) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 590 Delegate McKay, et al**CORPORATE INCOME TAX – RATE REDUCTION – ALLEGANY COUNTY AND WASHINGTON COUNTY**

Decreasing from 8.25% to 4% the State income tax rate on the Maryland taxable income of corporations with headquarters and base of operations in Allegany County or Washington County; providing for the application of the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014, but before January 1, 2023; and providing for the termination of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TG, § 10-105(b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 591 Delegate Miele, et al**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PHARMACISTS – REFILLS OF PRESCRIPTIONS DURING STATE OF EMERGENCY**

Altering the circumstances under which a pharmacist, during a state of emergency, may refill a prescription for a drug for which the refill has not been authorized; providing that a pharmacist who is working in Maryland, instead of the area declared an emergency, may refill the prescription if the federal or any state government, instead of the federal or this State's government, has declared a state of emergency; increasing the maximum quantity from a 14-day to a 30-day supply that may be dispensed under the prescription refill; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HO, § 12-506(c) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 592 Delegate Morhaim**STATE DONOR REGISTRY – METHODS OF REGISTRATION – CLERKS OF CIRCUIT COURTS, REGISTERS OF WILLS, AND MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION (ENHANCING ORGAN DONATION RATES ACT)**

Requiring the clerks of the circuit courts and registers of wills to provide a method by which specified individuals can register with the State donor registry for a specified purpose; requiring, under specified circumstances, the clerks of the circuit courts and the registers of wills to transfer specified information received by the clerks of the circuit courts or registers of wills to the State donor registry; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, § 2-214 and ET, § 2-213 - added and ET, § 4-516 and TR, § 12-303 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 593 Prince George's County Delegation**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – PUBLIC SCHOOLS – CRITERIA FOR BUILDING SURVEYS AND INSPECTIONS PG 409–15**

Requiring specified surveys and inspections of specified public school buildings and facilities in Prince George's County to assess the adequacy of the buildings and facilities by applying specified criteria established by the Prince George's County Board of Education, in addition to any other required criteria; providing that specified criteria be given equal weight to any other criteria required by the Interagency Committee or the County Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 5-310.1 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 594 Prince George's County Delegation**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION INVESTMENT ACT OF 2015 PG 413–15**

Authorizing the County Council for Prince George's County to impose a tax on retail sales in the county; limiting the rate of the tax; requiring that the net proceeds of the tax be used only for new school construction projects, specified school renovation projects, or payment for capital expenditures or debt service under specified circumstances; submitting the Act to a referendum of the qualified voters of Prince George's County; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

LG, § 20-605.1 - added and TG, § 11-102(c) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 595 Delegate Moon, et al**SPECIAL ELECTIONS FOR UNITED STATES SENATE VACANCIES ACT**

Altering the process for filling a vacancy in the office of United States Senator; repealing the authority of the Governor to make an appointment to fill a vacancy in the office of United States Senator under specified circumstances; requiring the Governor to issue a proclamation to call for a special primary election and a special general election to fill a vacancy in the office of United States Senator under specified circumstances; specifying the dates when a special election to fill a vacancy is to be held; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

EL, § 8-602 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 596 Delegate Dumais**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – MARYLAND APPOINTED ATTORNEYS PROGRAM CORPORATION**

Establishing the Maryland Appointed Attorneys Program Corporation; providing that the purpose of the Corporation is to provide legal representation to indigent criminal defendants at initial appearances before District Court commissioners as required by the Court of Appeals in a specified case decision; providing that the Corporation is not a unit or instrumentality of the State; requiring the Board of Directors of the Corporation to appoint an executive director of the Corporation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CP, §§ 17-101 through 17-801 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 597 Prince George's County Delegation**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS – OUTDOOR SYNTHETIC TURF FIELDS PG 407–15**

Requiring the Prince George's County Board of Education to install an outdoor synthetic turf field at each public high school in the county beginning in fiscal year 2016 through the end of fiscal year 2020; requiring specified fields to be constructed for joint use; requiring specified expenditures to be deemed eligible public school construction costs or capital improvement costs by the Interagency Committee on School Construction for specified purposes; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 4-131 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 598 Prince George's County Delegation**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – RAFFLES – CHARITABLE FOUNDATIONS AND REPEAL OF MONETARY CAP PG 301–15**

Authorizing a raffle to be conducted in Prince George's County by a specified charitable foundation affiliated with a professional football team that plays its home games in the county; setting no limitation on the number of raffle permits that may be issued in a year; authorizing the charitable foundation to set the price of raffle tickets; repealing the cap on the amount of money that a qualified organization may award as a prize in a raffle conducted in the county; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

CR, § 13-1911.1 - added and §§ 13-1901, 13-1908, 13-1909, 13-1910, and 13-1911 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 599 St. Mary's County Delegation**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – VIOLATIONS OF ORDINANCES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS – PENALTIES**

Authorizing the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County to provide that a violation of specified ordinances is punishable as a misdemeanor and enforced in a specified manner and to a specified extent and is a civil infraction and shall be prosecuted in a specified manner and to a specified extent; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

LU, §§ 9-1607 and 9-1608 - repealed and LG, §§ 12-538, 12-618, 12-804, and 13-703 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 600 St. Mary's County Delegation**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – PROPERTY MAINTENANCE – VOLUNTARY AGREEMENTS**

Authorizing an ordinance enacted by St. Mary's County regarding property maintenance to provide for a voluntary agreement between the county and an owner of real property for remediation by the county of specified conditions constituting a nuisance, including demolition of specified improvements; authorizing a voluntary agreement to provide for repayment by the property owner to the county of the costs of the remediation or demolition in a specified manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PLL of St. Mary's Co, Art. 19, § 93-5 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 601 Delegate K. Young, et al**MEDICAL MARIJUANA – 30-DAY SUPPLY – ADEQUACY AND POSSESSION**

Providing that a written certification may include a specified statement from a certifying physician related to a 30-day supply of medical marijuana; providing that a qualifying patient in possession of an amount of medical marijuana that is greater than a 30-day supply may not be subject to arrest, prosecution, specified penalties, specified discipline, or be denied any right or privilege under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, §§ 13-3301 and 13-3313 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 602 Delegate Glenn, et al**MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION – UTERINE FIBROIDS – STUDY**

Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission, in consultation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, specified experts, and interested stakeholders, to conduct a study of issues related to the incidence of uterine fibroids in the State; requiring the study to examine specified issues; and requiring, on or before June 30, 2016, the Commission to report specified findings to specified committees of the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 603 Delegate S. Robinson, et al**COMPOSTING AND ANAEROBIC DIGESTION FACILITIES – YARD WASTE AND FOOD RESIDUALS**

Requiring a person to ensure yard waste is recycled in a specified manner beginning on January 1, 2016; requiring a person to ensure food residuals are diverted from the solid waste stream in a specified manner beginning on January 1, 2016; requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

EN, § 9-1724 - repealed, §§ 9-1701(a-1), (a-2), and (h-1) and 9-1724 - added, and §§ 9-1701(n), 9-1723, and 9-1725 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 604 Delegate Moon, et al**GENERAL ASSEMBLY – SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY IN OFFICE**

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution authorizing the counties and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to enact legislation authorizing a special election to fill a vacancy in the office of Delegate or Senator; establishing that if a vacancy occurs by January 1 of the year immediately following the year that the Delegate or Senator takes office and a special election is authorized, the special election shall coincide with the next ensuing regular presidential and congressional election; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

Constitution of Maryland, Art. III, §§ 6, 7, and 13, Art. XVII, §§ 1 through 3, and EL, §§ 5-703, 5-703.1, and 8-401 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 605 Delegate Healey, et al**AGRICULTURE – NEONICOTINOID PESTICIDE – LABELING REQUIREMENT (POLLINATOR PROTECTION ACT OF 2015)**

Prohibiting a person from selling in the State specified seeds, material, and plants that have been treated with a neonicotinoid pesticide unless the seeds, material, and plants bear a label with a specified statement; prohibiting a person from selling in the State, on or after January 1, 2016, a neonicotinoid pesticide unless the person also sells a restricted-use pesticide; prohibiting a person, except specified individuals, from using a neonicotinoid pesticide on or after January 1, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

AG, §§ 5-2A-01 and 5-2A-02 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 606 Delegate Dumais, et al**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – PERSONS ELIGIBLE FOR RELIEF**

Altering, for specified purposes relating to domestic violence, the definition of “person eligible for relief” to include an individual who has had a sexual relationship with the respondent.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

FL, § 4-501(m) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 607 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX – TRANSFORMING NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION TAX CREDIT PG 414–15

Authorizing the governing body of Prince George's County to grant a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on specified residential real property; providing that the property tax credit for each qualified property may not exceed \$10,000; authorizing Prince George's County to provide for specified provisions to carry out the property tax credit; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

TP, § 9-318(h) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 608 Delegate Carter, et al

COURTS – CIVIL ACTION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER MISCONDUCT – NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS

Providing that a plaintiff in a civil action against a law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency for injuries resulting from law enforcement officer misconduct may not be required, as a part of a settlement of the civil action, to agree not to disclose to a third party information about the action; providing a specified immunity for a violation of a specified settlement agreement; and providing for the application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, § 5-427 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 609 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – MOTORCYCLE OPERATORS – PENALTIES FOR SPEED VIOLATIONS PG 311–15

Increasing the penalty from \$500 to \$1,000 for a person who is convicted of committing a speed violation while operating a motorcycle that is exceeding the speed limit by 40 miles per hour or greater in Prince George's County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 27-101(ff) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 610 Delegate McComas, et al**ELECTIONS – STUDY COMMISSION ON THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS IN MARYLAND**

Establishing a Study Commission on the Redistricting Process in Maryland; specifying the composition, powers, and duties of the Commission; providing for the staffing of the Commission; requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations, including suggested constitutional and legislative changes, to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 611 Delegate A. Miller, et al**PUBLIC UTILITIES – ELECTRIC COMPANIES – VEGETATION MANAGEMENT**

Requiring the Public Service Commission, in adopting specified vegetation management regulations, to require that an electric company's vegetation management program comply with the International Society of Arboriculture's Best Management Practices for Utility Pruning of Trees; and prohibiting an electric company from removing a tree on private property unless the tree is hazardous and the private property owner has consented to removal of the hazardous tree.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PU, § 7-213(a) and (e) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 612 Delegate A. Miller, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – STALKING – INCLUDED ACTS**

Defining the term “conduct” for purposes of a prohibition against stalking to include approaching, following, or pursuing another person without the person's consent and monitoring or tracking another person without the person's consent by or through the use of any device, action, or means, including electronic methods.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, § 3-802 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 613 Delegate Hammen**HOSPITALS – RATE-SETTING – PARTICIPATION IN 340B PROGRAM UNDER THE FEDERAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT**

Altering the definition of “hospital services” to include a specified hospital outpatient service of a specified hospital for the purpose of allowing the hospital outpatient service to continue to participate in the federal 340B Program under rates set by the State Health Services Cost Review Commission. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, § 19-201 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 614 Delegate Dumais**DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE – HANDGUN ROSTER BOARD – DEFINITION OF HANDGUN**

Altering the definition of handgun for purposes of provisions relating to the Handgun Roster Board to exclude a shotgun, a rifle, a short-barreled rifle, a short-barreled shotgun, or an antique firearm from the definition.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PS, § 5-401 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 615 Delegate Moon, et al**DIVISION OF PAROLE AND PROBATION – REVOCATION PROHIBITED – MARIJUANA**

Prohibiting the Division of Parole and Probation from issuing a specified warrant or a specified notice of violation for an offender or parolee charged with the use or possession of less than 10 grams of marijuana or who submits a urinalysis that is positive for marijuana if the charge or positive urinalysis is the only reason for the warrant or notice of violation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CS, § 6-119 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 616 St. Mary's County Delegation**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – ANIMAL REGULATIONS**

Repealing provisions authorizing the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County to pass rules, regulations, or resolutions relating to dog licenses, the prohibition of dogs running at large off the property of the owner, the seizure and disposal of dogs found running at large, and the confinement of female dogs in heat; authorizing the county commissioners to enact a local law to provide a comprehensive system for the regulation, humane treatment, and keeping of specified animals; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

LG, § 13-129 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 617 Prince George's County Delegation**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSES, COMMISSIONERS, AND INSPECTORS PG 307–15**

Requiring in Prince George's County an alcoholic beverages license applicant to have at least one member who has resided in the State for at least 1 year prior to the application, is a registered voter in the State, and will continue to be a resident of the State as long as the license is in effect; repealing a specified prohibition against issuing, renewing, or transferring a license; increasing salaries of the members and the chairman of the County Board of License Commissioners; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, §§ 9-101(a)(4) and (d), 9-217(f)(5), (j), and (l), 15-109(r)(2), and 15-112(r)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 618 Delegate Carter, et al**JUVENILES – TRANSFER DETERMINATIONS – CONFINEMENT IN JUVENILE FACILITIES**

Requiring a court exercising criminal jurisdiction in a case involving a child, or the District Court at a bail review or preliminary hearing involving a child, to order a specified child to be held in a secure juvenile facility pending a specified transfer determination except under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CP, § 4-202 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 619 Delegate Haynes, et al**INCOME TAX CREDIT – FLEXIBLE WORKWEEK**

Allowing specified business entities a credit against the State income tax for the cost of providing a flexible workweek to the employees of the business entity in the State; requiring that a specified number of a business entity's full-time employees in the State work a flexible workweek in order to claim the credit; providing that the credit may not exceed \$5,000; applying the Act to tax years beginning after December 31, 2014; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TG, § 10-737 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 620 Delegate A. Miller, et al**CRIMES – UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS – UNAUTHORIZED SURVEILLANCE**

Prohibiting, except under specified circumstances, a person from using a specified unmanned aircraft system to intentionally conduct surveillance of, gather evidence or collect information about, or photographically or electronically record a specified individual or property; and providing penalties for a violation of the Act of up to 1 year in prison or a fine of up to \$2,500 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CR, § 3-908 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 621 Delegate S. Robinson, et al**STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – ENTRANCE TO STATE HIGHWAY – PERMIT PROCESS**

Requiring the State Highway Administration to consider whether a proposed entrance to a State highway is consistent with the comprehensive plan when determining whether to grant or deny a permit for the entrance; requiring the Administration to determine whether to grant or deny a permit based on a preponderance of specified evidence; requiring the Administration to grant or deny a permit request on or before a specified date; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TR, § 8-625 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 622 Delegate Moon, et al**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – ELIGIBILITY FOR PAROLE –
CONDITIONAL PAROLE**

Establishing conditional parole as a form of release from incarceration for inmates over the age of 64 years under specified circumstances; establishing a means of initiating consideration by the Maryland Parole Commission of the appropriateness of granting conditional parole; requiring the Commission to provide for a conditional parole hearing on receipt of a specified request; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CS, § 7-309.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 623 Delegate Miele, et al**ESTATES – MODIFIED ADMINISTRATION – FINAL REPORT AND
DISTRIBUTION – EXTENSION**

Authorizing, under specified circumstances, a register of wills to extend the time periods for filing a final report and for making distribution of an estate in a modified administration of the estate for an additional specified period on the filing of a specified request; requiring a request for the extension to be signed by the personal representative and consented to by each interested person; requiring the request to be delivered to the register of wills no later than a specified date; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

ET, § 5-703 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 624 Delegate Miele, et al**ESTATES AND TRUSTS – FUNERAL EXPENSES ALLOWANCE –
MODIFIED ADMINISTRATION**

Establishing that, if an estate is solvent, a personal representative is not required to obtain an allowance by the court for funeral expenses if the estate is under modified administration and the personal representative includes the funeral expenses on the final report; and providing for the prospective application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

ET, § 8-106 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 625 Delegate Miele, et al**MARYLAND TRUST ACT – REVOCABLE TRUSTS – PARTIAL REVOCATION BY DIVORCE OR ANNULMENT**

Providing for the revocation of specified terms of a revocable trust on the absolute divorce of the settlor and the settlor's spouse or the annulment of their marriage occurring after the creation of the settlor's revocable trust, except under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

ET, § 14.5-604 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 626 Delegate Moon, et al**ELECTION LAW – POLITICAL PARTY – RETENTION OF STATUS**

Altering to 10,000 the number of registered voters in the State that must be affiliated with a political party as of December 31 each year in order for the political party to retain its status.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

EL, § 4-103 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 627 Delegate Rosenberg, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS – BODY-WORN CAMERAS**

Requiring a law enforcement officer to activate both the audio and visual recording capabilities of a body-worn camera under specified circumstances; requiring a specified camera to continue recording until a specified event; providing that the camera may not record an individual engaged in specified activities, with exceptions; providing that a recording made under specified circumstances may not be used to identify specified persons; providing specified requirements for recording on private property under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PS, § 3-510 and CJ, § 10-402(c)(11) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 628 **Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George’s County Delegation**
PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – MUNICIPAL ZONING AUTHORITY
MC/PG 111–15

Authorizing the governing body of a municipal corporation in Prince George’s County in the Maryland–Washington Regional District to exercise specified powers of the Prince George’s County Council, sitting as the district council, and the Prince George’s County Planning Board, relating to the zoning of land in the municipal corporation; authorizing a municipal corporation in Prince George’s County to enact a local law regulating fences and providing that the local law may be less restrictive than specified other laws; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

LU, §§ 20-709, 22-120, 22-202, 22-203, 25-210, 25-301, and 25-302 - amended
Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 629 **Delegate Pena–Melnik, et al**
HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELORS –
QUALIFICATIONS AND PRACTICE LIMITATIONS

Altering the qualifications individuals are required to meet to be licensed to practice clinical alcohol and drug counseling, to qualify to practice as a licensed graduate alcohol and drug counselor under supervision for a limited period of time, to qualify as a certified associate counselor–alcohol and drug, or to qualify as a certified supervised counselor–alcohol and drug; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HO, §§ 17-302, 17-309(a) and (c), 17-403, and 17-404 - amended
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 630 **Delegate Jameson**
TRANSPORTATION – MECHANICAL REPAIR CONTRACTS

Altering the definition of “mechanical repair contract” for purposes of specified provisions of law establishing requirements for mechanical repair contracts and persons who sell or offer them; establishing that an agreement or contract sold by the person obligated under the agreement or contract may be a mechanical repair contract; prohibiting specified persons who sell mechanical repair contracts from making specified false, deceptive, or misleading statements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 15-311.2 - amended
Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 631 Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration), et al
PROGRAM OPEN SPACE – BALTIMORE CITY GRANTS – INCREASE AND INFLATION ADJUSTMENT

Increasing, from \$1,500,000 to \$6,000,000, a specified statutory minimum grant to Baltimore City, payable from the State's share of the proceeds of Program Open Space, for specified purposes related to Program Open Space; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to increase the grant each fiscal year by applying the growth in a specified consumer price index to the amount of grants received in the prior fiscal year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

NR, § 5-903(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 632 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – OFF-HIGHWAY RECREATIONAL VEHICLES – PENALTY FOR HIGHWAY USE PG 312–15

Altering the penalty to \$500 for a person who is convicted of driving an unregistered vehicle on a highway while operating an off-highway recreational vehicle in Prince George's County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 27-101(ff) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 633 Delegate Rosenberg

CIGARETTE RESTITUTION FUND – USE OF FUNDS – COMPLIANCE WITH WATERSHED IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

Allowing the Cigarette Restitution fund to be used to provide financial assistance to farmers for specified purposes; establishing the Watershed Implementation Plan Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund to provide financial assistance to farmers for implementation of State or local watershed implementation plans associated with the Chesapeake Bay total maximum daily load; requiring the Department of Agriculture to administer the Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

SF, § 7-317(f) and (g) - amended and AG, § 8-808 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Health and Government Operations

HB 634 Prince George's County Delegation**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – CERTIFIED COUNTY–BASED BUSINESS PARTICIPATION PROGRAM PG 408–15**

Requiring the Chief Executive Officer of the Prince George's County public school system and the Prince George's County Board of Education to establish and implement a Certified County–Based Business Participation Program to be used in county board procurement; requiring the Chief Executive Officer and the county board to establish goals and requirements for the Program and to consult with the Prince George's County Council in the establishment and implementation of the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 4-125.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 635 Delegates Afzali and Ciliberti**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – FREDERICK COUNTY – NORTHWEST TREK CONSERVATION AND EDUCATION CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Global Wildlife Trust, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Northwest Trek Conservation and Education Center, located in Frederic County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 636 Delegate Stein, et al**RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – THERMAL ENERGY**

Altering the renewable energy portfolio standard for specified years; providing for specified thermal energy sources to be thermal tier energy sources; requiring an electricity supplier to meet the renewable energy portfolio standard by accumulating a specified amount of renewable energy credits and thermal renewable energy credits; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PU, §§ 7-701, 7-703, 7-704, 7-705(a) and (b), and 7-708 - amended and § 7-705(g) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 637 Delegates Holmes and Beidle**REAL PROPERTY – REDEEMABLE GROUND RENTS**

Requiring a redeemable ground rent to be redeemed on the occurrence of specified events; requiring that, if a collection or enforcement procedure has been instituted to collect a past due ground rent, the default must be cured before the ground rent is redeemed; and providing for the application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

RP, § 8-110(a) - amended and § 8-110(c) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 638 Delegates Holmes and Frush**NATURAL RESOURCES – OYSTERS – SHELL SEEDING, SHELL REPLENISHMENT, AND ROTATIONAL HARVEST**

Authorizing a person to use a power dredge to harvest oysters from any natural oyster bar in the State during a specified time period, subject to specified requirements and exceptions; authorizing the licensed oyster harvesters of each county to elect a county commercial oyster committee; requiring an oyster committee to develop and submit to the Department of Natural Resources a specified rotational harvest plan on or before August 1 of each year, beginning in 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

NR, Various Sections - repealed, amended, and added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 639 Delegate Metzgar, et al**MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of the Maryland Transportation Authority to include specified members of the General Assembly as nonvoting members of the Authority serving in an advisory capacity only; specifying criteria concerning the appointment, tenure, and compensation of the legislative members of the Authority; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 4-202 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 640 Delegate Rosenberg, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – LIBERTY ELEMENTARY EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$400,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Baltimore for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Liberty Elementary Early Childhood Center project, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 641 Delegate Kelly, et al**FAMILY CHILD CARE – REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPANTS IN MARYLAND CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM**

Requiring a family child care home that participates in the Maryland Child Care Subsidy Program to register with the State Department of Education and comply with specified regulations concerning registration; and altering a specified definition of “family child care provider”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

FL, §§ 5-552 and 5-595 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 642 Delegate Luedtke, et al**CHILDREN – CHILD CARE FACILITIES, PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS – CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS**

Prohibiting specified county boards of education and specified nonpublic schools from allowing specified individuals to hire or retain contractors and subcontractors who have been convicted of specified crimes; adding contractors and subcontractors who have specified access to specified children to the list of individuals required to obtain a criminal history records check; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, §§ 2-206.1 and 6-113 and FL, § 5-561(a) - amended and FL, § 5-561(a) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 643 Delegate Zucker, et al**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES – STATE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM – REPORT**

Requiring the Department of Human Resources, on or before December 1 of each year, to report to the General Assembly specified information regarding children and foster youth in the State child welfare system; requiring the Department to maintain the confidentiality of specified information and disaggregate the information by county, age, gender, race, and ethnicity; requiring the Department to publish specified reports on the Department's Web site; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

FL, § 5-1312 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 644 Delegate Metzgar, et al**PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – ELDERLY, VETERANS, AND RETURNING RESIDENTS (WELCOME HOME, STAY AT HOME ACT)**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City, a county, or a municipal corporation to provide a property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on the dwelling of specified individuals who are elderly, veterans, or recently returned to the State; providing for a tax credit equal to 20% of the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on the property to be granted for a period of 5 years; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

TP, § 9-257 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 645 Delegate Kramer**COMMERCIAL SALE OF DOGS AND CATS – PROHIBITED – COMPANION ANIMAL WELFARE ACT**

Prohibiting the sale of dogs and cats by a retail pet store after June 1, 2015, and individuals under specified conditions at specified locations; establishing specified penalties for a violation of the Act; providing for the application of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

BR, §§ 19-702 and 19-707 - amended and BR, § 19-702.1 and CR, § 10-613.1 added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 646 Delegate Gilchrist, et al**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – RETIREMENT INCOME**

Altering the calculation of the maximum subtraction modification allowed under the Maryland income tax for specified retirement income under specified circumstances; including income from specified rollover individual retirement accounts in the subtraction modification under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TG, § 10-209 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 647 Delegate Lafferty, et al**JOINT INSURANCE ASSOCIATION – PRIVATE INSURERS – NOTICE**

Requiring private insurers that deny, cancel, or nonrenew specified coverage for commercial property insurance or homeowner's insurance to provide notice to specified applicants or insureds of the potential availability of insurance coverage through the Joint Insurance Association under a specified provision or another plan; and providing for the application of the Act to all policies and contracts of commercial property insurance and homeowner's insurance issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after October 1, 2015.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

IN, § 19-117 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 648 Delegate Haynes, et al**COMMUNITY COLLEGES – TUITION WAIVER FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS – PARTIAL STATE REIMBURSEMENT**

Exempting specified individuals who enroll as full-time certificate or associate's degree students at a community college in the State from payment of tuition under specified circumstances; providing the conditions under which an individual is no longer eligible for a tuition waiver; requiring the State to reimburse community colleges for 50% of the foregone tuition revenue; requiring specified individuals who do not satisfy specified requirements to repay the amount of the tuition waived; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 16-106.1 - added and SG, § 9-1A-30 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 649 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – CLEAN WATER PROGRAM – REPORT
PG 404–15

Requiring the Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources to prepare a specified report on the county funding plan established for the Clean Water Program of Prince George's County; requiring the report to include specified information relating to the collection and use of program funds and specified recommendations concerning residential fee structures under the program; requiring the Department to submit the report to the Prince George's County Delegation by July 1, 2016; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 650 Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al

BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION TO STUDY MARYLAND'S
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM

Establishing the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Maryland's Behavioral Health System; providing for the composition, chair, staffing, and duties of the Commission; requiring, to the extent practicable, that the membership of the Commission reflect the geographic, racial, ethnic, cultural, and gender diversity of the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 651 Delegate Turner, et al

PERSONAL PROPERTY REPORTS – EXEMPTION AND AFFIDAVIT

Exempting a person who does not own or did not own during the preceding calendar year property that is subject to property tax from filing a specified annual report on personal property to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation; requiring the person to submit a specified affidavit to the Department on or before April 15; specifying the form and contents of the affidavit; providing that the affidavit may be submitted electronically to the Department; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TP, §§ 11-101 and 11-103(a) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 652 Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation

MARYLAND–NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING
COMMISSION – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – COMMISSIONER TERMS
MC/PG 105–15

Authorizing a commissioner appointed from Montgomery County who is designated as chair or vice chair of the Commission to be reappointed for two additional consecutive full terms as long as that commissioner continues to serve as chair or vice chair of the Commission; and providing for the retroactive application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

LU, § 15-102 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 653 Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation

MARYLAND–NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING
COMMISSION – REGULATION OF OFF–HIGHWAY RECREATIONAL
VEHICLES IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MC/PG 114–15

Requiring the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission, in conjunction with the Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation, to adopt regulations governing the use of off–highway recreational vehicles on Commission property located in Prince George's County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

LU, § 17-207 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 654 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – UNATTENDED MOTOR VEHICLE –
EXCEPTION TO PROHIBITION PG 313–15

Creating in Prince George's County an exception for the use of a remote keyless ignition system to the prohibition against leaving a motor vehicle unattended under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

TR, § 21-1101 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 655 Delegate Glass**HARFORD COUNTY – SUNDAY HUNTING – DEER BOW HUNTING SEASON**

Authorizing a person to hunt deer on private property in Harford County with a bow and arrow or crossbow during open season at specified times subject to specified provisions of law.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

NR, § 10-410(a)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 656 Delegate Korman, et al**ELECTRICITY – ENERGY STORAGE – FUEL CELLS (STORED ENERGY AND POWER (STEP) ACT)**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to establish a pilot program to encourage the use of fuel cells for energy storage in the State; requiring a generator that participates in the pilot program to establish a fuel cell demonstration project; authorizing the Commission to provide incentives for participation in the pilot program; requiring, on or before December 31 of each year, the Commission to report to the Governor and specified committees of the General Assembly on the status of the pilot program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

PU, §§ 7-211(n), 7-701(b-1) and 7-704(j) - added and § 7-701(r) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 657 Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**PHARMACISTS – SCOPE OF PRACTICE – REVISIONS**

Authorizing pharmacists to administer a drug or biological product that is prescribed by an authorized prescriber in accordance with regulations adopted by the State Board of Pharmacy; authorizing pharmacists to prescribe self-administered medications that do not require a diagnosis or that treat urgent or emergent conditions in accordance with specified protocols and specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HO, § 12-101(b) and (t) - amended and §§ 12-509 and 12-510 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 658 Delegate Pena–Melnik, et al**PUBLIC HEALTH – EMERGENCY USE AUTO-INJECTABLE EPINEPHRINE PROGRAM**

Establishing the Emergency Use Auto–Injectable Epinephrine Program in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; establishing the purpose of the Program as a means of authorizing persons to obtain and store auto–injectable epinephrine and administer auto–injectable ephinephrine to individuals who are experiencing anaphylaxis and medical services are not available; and authorizing the Department to adopt specified regulations, collect specified fees, issue and renew specified certificates, and approve specified training programs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, §§ 13-7A-01 through 13-7A-10 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 659 Delegates Anderson and McComas**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – MARYLAND UNIFORM COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES OF CONVICTION ACT**

Requiring the Attorney General to take certain steps to identify, collect, and publish in a specified manner laws that impose a specified collateral sanction on a person who is convicted of a specified offense; requiring a State’s Attorney to provide specified information to a person charged with an offense; requiring a court to confirm that a specified notice has been received and is understood by a specified person; providing that a new collateral sanction may be imposed only by a specified procedure; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

CP, §§ 10-301 through 10-317 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 660 Delegate Zucker, et al**HEALTH INSURANCE – EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT CLAIMS FORMS – METHODS FOR SUBMISSION**

Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to permit an insured, a subscriber, or a member to submit a claim for reimbursement for specified expenses by first-class mail and by facsimile transmission or through a Web site; requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide a specified notice and instructions on how to submit a claim by facsimile transmission or through a secure Web site; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

IN, § 15-1011 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 661 Delegate Zucker, et al**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – BIRTH REGISTRATIONS – NOTICE OF PLACEMENT OF SECURITY FREEZES**

Requiring the administrative head of a specified institution or a designee of the administrative head or the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to provide to the mother, father, or legal guardian of a child a specified notice relating to security freezes under specified circumstances; requiring the Consumer Protection Division to prepare a specified notice explaining how to request a consumer reporting agency to place a security freeze on a file relating to an individual under 16 years of age at the time of the request; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, § 4-208 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 662 Delegates Cullison and Reznik**CONSULTATION, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT OF MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL DISORDERS – CONSENT BY MINORS**

Altering the health care providers who provide consultation, diagnosis, and treatment of a mental or emotional disorder to which minors who are 16 years old and older have the same capacity as an adult to consent; providing that the capacity to consent does not include the capacity to refuse consultation, diagnosis, or treatment for a mental or emotional disorder by specified health care providers for which a parent, guardian, or custodian of the minor has given consent; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, § 20-104 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 663 Delegate Healey, et al**BUSINESS RELIEF AND TAX FAIRNESS ACT OF 2015**

Prohibiting the State Department of Assessments and Taxation from imposing a fee for the filing of specified documents by corporations or business entities with 10 or fewer employees; requiring specified corporations to compute Maryland taxable income using a specified combined reporting method; requiring, subject to specified regulations, specified groups of corporations to file a combined income tax return reflecting the aggregate income tax liability of all the members of the group; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

CA, § 1-203(b)(3)(ii) and TG, § 10-811 - amended and TG, §§ 10-402.1 and 10-402.2 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 664 Delegates Krimm and K. Young**FREDERICK COUNTY PROPERTY TAX FAIRNESS ACT OF 2015
(STRENGTHENING FREDERICK MUNICIPALITIES)**

Removing Frederick County from the list of counties required to grant specified property tax setoffs to municipal corporations within the county in a specified manner; requiring the governing body of Frederick County to annually meet and discuss with the governing body of each municipal corporation in the county the county property tax rate to be set for assessments of property in the municipal corporation; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

TP, § 6-305 - amended and § 6-305.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 665 Delegates K. Young and Krimm**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – BIOSAFETY
LEVEL 3 (BSL–3) LABORATORY SAFETY PROGRAM**

Establishing the Biosafety Level 3 (BSL–3) Laboratory Safety Program; requiring the Program to identify specified BSL–3 laboratories in the State and their locations and collect other information regarding safety issues relevant to BSL–3 laboratories; and requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to report annually to the General Assembly and specified local jurisdictions in a specified manner specified aggregate information regarding BSL–3 laboratories in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, § 17-701 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 666 Delegate Miele, et al**MARYLAND TRUST ACT – REVOCABLE TRUSTS – CREDITORS’
CLAIMS – LIMITATIONS**

Providing that, under specified circumstances, property of a specified trust is not subject to, and a trustee and beneficiaries of that trust may not be held liable for, specified claims of creditors of the settlor; providing that the publication of specified notice by the trustee in a specified manner shall afford the trust property, the trustee, and the beneficiaries specified protections under specified provisions of law barring specified claims after a specified period of time; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

ET, § 14.5-508 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 667 Delegate A. Miller, et al**HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS – SEXUAL ASSAULT, VIOLENCE, AND STALKING – PREVENTION AND OUTREACH POLICIES**

Requiring the governing boards and boards of trustees of each public senior higher education institution and each community college to adopt specified policies, statements, programs, and procedures relating to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking on or before October 1, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, §§ 11-601, 11-603, and 11-604 - added and § 11-601 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 668 Delegate McConkey, et al**EDUCATION – DUE PROCESS HEARINGS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES – ATTORNEY’S FEES**

Requiring an administrative law judge or a court to award reasonable attorney’s fees to a prevailing parent in due process hearings that are held to resolve a dispute relating to the provision of a free appropriate public education to children with disabilities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

ED, § 8-413 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 669 Delegates Tarlau and Fennell**TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SENIOR VOLUNTEER CORPS**

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Establishment of a Senior Volunteer Corps; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding specified matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2015; providing for the termination of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 670 Delegate Frick, et al**COMMERCIAL LAW – CONSUMER PROTECTION – TICKET TRANSFERS**

Prohibiting a ticket seller or an operator of a ticket seller's Web site from prohibiting the transfer of a specified ticket, requiring an additional fee for the transfer of a specified ticket, or requiring a purchaser of a ticket to present specified identification or a specified credit card to gain entry to an entertainment event; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CL, § 14-4002.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 671 Prince George's County Delegation**TASK FORCE ON THE CREATION OF A JUVENILE ASSESSMENT CENTER AND CONSTRUCTIVE ALTERNATIVES TO MANAGING YOUTH AT RISK OF DELINQUENCY IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PG 306–15**

Establishing the Task Force on the Creation of a Juvenile Assessment Center and Constructive Alternatives to Managing Youth at Risk of Delinquency in Prince George's County; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to study, identify, and report on specified issues, hold specified meetings, and make specified recommendations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 672 Delegate Jones, et al**MARYLAND COLLEGE EDUCATION EXPORT ACT OF 2015**

Authorizing the Maryland Higher Education Commission to enter into the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement; and exempting specified institutions that participate in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement from the requirement to register with the Commission if they enroll Maryland students in a fully online distance education program in the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, §§ 11-105(m) and 11-202.2(b) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 673 Delegate Haynes, et al**COMMUNITY COLLEGES – TUITION WAIVER FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS – FULL STATE REIMBURSEMENT**

Exempting specified individuals who enroll as full-time certificate or associate's degree students at a community college in the State from payment of tuition under specified circumstances; providing the conditions under which an individual is no longer eligible for a tuition waiver; requiring the State to reimburse community colleges for specified foregone tuition revenue; requiring specified individuals who do not satisfy specified requirements to repay the amount of the tuition waived; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 16-106.1 - added and SG, § 9-1A-30 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 674 Delegate Barron, et al**PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – LIST OF CONTACT INFORMATION FOR GOVERNMENTAL UNIT REPRESENTATIVES**

Requiring each governmental unit that maintains public records to identify a representative who a member of the public should contact to request a public record, to maintain specified contact information and post the information on the unit's Web site or keep the information in a specified place, and annually update the information and submit it to the Office of the Attorney General; and requiring the Office to post specified information on the Office's Web site and include specified information in a specified manual.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

GP, § 4-503 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 675 **Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation**
MARYLAND–NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING
COMMISSION REFORM ACT OF 2015 MC/PG 104–15

Prohibiting the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission from purchasing specified interests or rights in real property in Prince George's County without the prior approval of the Prince George's County Council acting in a specified capacity; requiring the Department of Legislative Services to conduct a specified evaluation of the Commission's operations and activities relating to Prince George's County and submit a specified report to the General Assembly by December 1, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, NR, RP, and SF, Various Sections - amended and SG, §§ 2-1220(g) and 2-1250 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 676 **Delegate Glenn**

HIGHER EDUCATION INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

Establishing the Higher Education Investment Tax Credit Program to authorize tax credits against the State income tax, public service company franchise tax, and insurance premium tax equal to 50% of the donation made to specified eligible higher education institutions; requiring the donations to be used for specified purposes in priority funding areas; authorizing, each year, the Maryland Higher Education Commission to allocate up to \$20,000,000 in tax credits to eligible higher education institutions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, §§ 17-401 through 17-406, TG, §§ 8-418 and 10-737, and IN, § 6-123 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 677 **Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George’s County Delegation**
WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION –
INDEPENDENT REVIEW BOARD – REFUNDS MC/PG 106–15

Limiting the conditions under which a person may file a written claim with the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission for a refund of the amount that exceeds the amount that is properly and legally payable; establishing an Independent Review Board to investigate and arbitrate specified billing disputes between the Commission and customers in the Washington Suburban Sanitary District; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PU, § 25-106 - amended and § 25-106.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 678 **Delegate Valentino–Smith, et al**

GENERAL ASSEMBLY – FISCAL NOTES – CRIMINAL JUSTICE
POLICY IMPACT STATEMENTS

Requiring a fiscal note for a bill to include a criminal justice policy impact statement if the bill creates a criminal offense, significantly alters the elements of an existing criminal offense, alters the penalties applicable to a criminal offense, or changes existing sentencing, parole, or probation procedures; requiring the Department of Legislative Services to prepare the criminal justice policy impact statement by requesting information from specified entities; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SG, § 2-1505(e) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 679 **Delegate Moon, et al**

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – HEALTH AND SAFETY –
CHEMICAL–FREE SCHOOLS ACT

Prohibiting specified public schools and specified local school systems from purchasing, selling, or serving specified foods that contain specified ingredients or specified chemicals under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 7-423.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 680 Delegate Moon, et al**EVIDENCE – CONVICTION FOR TRAFFIC OFFENSE – ADMISSIBILITY
IN CIVIL PROCEEDING**

Providing that evidence of a conviction for a traffic offense may be admitted as evidence in a civil proceeding to prove specified facts under specified circumstances; requiring the trier of fact to determine the weight to be accorded evidence of a conviction for a traffic offense that is admitted as evidence under the Act; and providing for the prospective application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, § 10-923 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 681 Prince George's County Delegation**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – MUNICIPAL TAX SETOFF – REPORT
PG 417–15**

Requiring the governing body of Prince George's County, on or before January 31 each year, to complete a report concerning the county's municipal tax setoffs that includes specified information; and requiring the report to be made available in a specified manner.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TP, § 6-305 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 682 Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**MUNICIPALITIES – CHARTER AMENDMENTS – REFERENDUM AND
SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR PETITIONS**

Authorizing the legislative body of a municipality to adopt a charter amendment that authorizes the legislative body of the municipality to submit to the qualified voters of the municipality at a regular or special municipal election a proposed charter amendment; lowering from 20% to a percentage no lower than 5% the required percentage of qualified voters of the municipality necessary to petition a proposed charter amendment to a referendum or to initiate a proposed charter amendment; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

LG, §§ 4-304 and 4-305 - amended and § 4-306.1 added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 683 Delegate Reznik, et al**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING SERVICES AND COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY SCAN SERVICES – PATIENT REFERRALS**

Authorizing, under specified circumstances, a health care practitioner to refer or direct specified other persons to refer a patient for magnetic resonance imaging services or computed tomography scan services to a health care entity to which the patient otherwise could not be referred under a specified provision of law; requiring a health care practitioner, under specified circumstances, to include specified information in the written notice required under a specified provision of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HO, § 1-302 - amended and § 1-302.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 684 Delegate Jameson**HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE – UNDERWRITING STANDARDS – DEDUCTIBLES**

Repealing the requirement that an insurer that issues a policy of homeowner's insurance file with the Maryland Insurance Commissioner for approval a specified underwriting standard that requires a specified deductible under specified circumstances before the insurer may implement the underwriting standard; requiring an insurer to file for information with the Commissioner a specified underwriting standard at least a specified period of time before the insurer proposes to implement the underwriting standard; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

IN, § 19-209 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 685 Delegate Jameson**HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE – COVERAGE FOR LOSS CAUSED BY WATER DAMAGE**

Requiring insurers that issue, sell, or deliver policies of homeowner's insurance to make available, rather than to offer in writing at specified times, coverage for loss that is caused by specified water damage under specified circumstances; requiring the coverage to be made available in the amount of at least \$5,000; authorizing insurers that make specified coverage available to offer specified other coverage in a specified amount, notwithstanding any other law or regulation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

IN, § 19-202 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 686 Delegate C. Wilson, et al**INCOME TAX CHECKOFF – MARYLAND VETERANS TRUST FUND**

Establishing an income tax checkoff system for voluntary contributions to the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund; requiring the Comptroller to include a checkoff on the individual income tax return; requiring the Comptroller to collect and account for contributions made through the checkoff system and to credit the proceeds to the Fund after deducting the amount necessary to administer the checkoff system; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TG, §§ 2-115 and 10-804(l) - added and SG, § 9-913(g) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 687 Delegate B. Barnes, et al**PUBLIC HEALTH – RELIGIOUS EXEMPTIONS FROM IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS – REPEAL**

Repealing the prohibition against the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene requiring the immunization of an individual under specified circumstances; and repealing the requirement that the Department adopt rules and regulations for religious exemptions under a specified provision of law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, § 18-403 - repealed

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 688 Delegates Afzali and Ciliberti**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – FREDERICK COUNTY – HELEN SMITH STUDIO**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$75,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Luce Fund for Children, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Helen Smith Studio project, located in Frederick County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 689 Delegates Carozza and Otto**WORCESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CRAFT DISTILLERY LICENSE**

Establishing a Class 9 craft distillery license in Worcester County; setting a license fee; providing that the State Comptroller issue the Class 9 license only to a holder of a Class D beer, wine and liquor license in the County for use on the premises for which the Class D license was issued; authorizing a holder of a Class 9 license to establish and operate a plant for distilling and bottling brandy, rum, whiskey, alcohol, and neutral spirits under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 2-201(a) - amended and § 2-202.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 690 Delegate Krimm, et al**PROPERTY TAX FAIRNESS ACT OF 2015 (STRENGTHENING MARYLAND MUNICIPALITIES)**

Repealing specified provisions of law requiring or authorizing specified counties to grant property tax setoffs to municipal corporations within the county; requiring a county to grant a property tax setoff to a municipal corporation in accordance with a formula agreed to by the county and the municipal corporation if the municipal corporation performs services or programs instead of similar county services or programs; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

TP, § 6-305 - amended and § 6-306 - repealed

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 691 Delegate Jameson**HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE – NOTICES TO POLICYHOLDERS – REQUIRED**

Prohibiting an insurer from issuing, delivering, or renewing a policy of homeowner's insurance in the State on or after January 1, 2016, unless the policy is accompanied by a specified notice; providing for the contents of the notice; providing that specified notice is not considered a replacement for specified terms, does not have the effect of altering specified coverage, and does not confer specified rights; requiring the notice to expressly state specified information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

IN, §§ 19-205, 19-206, 19-206.1, 19-207, 19-214, and 19-215 - repealed, § 19-205 - added, and §§ 19-209 and 19-210 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 692 Delegate Frick, et al**COLLEGE SAVINGS PLANS OF MARYLAND – MARYLAND COLLEGE SAVINGS ACCOUNT PLAN – AUTHORIZATION**

Authorizing the College Savings Plans of Maryland Board to establish the Maryland College Savings Account Plan for specified purposes; requiring the Board to oversee the administration of the Savings Account Plan; requiring the Board to maintain the Savings Account Plan in compliance with specified standards for qualified tuition programs; requiring the Board to adopt specified procedures; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, Various Sections - amended and §§ 18-19C-01 through 18-19C-08 - added and TG, §§ 10-205(h), 10-207(s), and 10-208(o) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 693 Delegate M. Washington, et al**PUBLIC HEALTH – COTTAGE FOOD BUSINESSES – REVISIONS**

Altering the limit from \$25,000 to \$40,000 on the amount of annual revenue that is used for the purpose of defining "cottage food business"; prohibiting counties and municipal corporations from limiting cottage food businesses to selling cottage food products only at farmers markets; requiring counties and municipal corporations, under specified circumstances, to accept a State cottage food business permit in lieu of a specified license or permit; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HG, §§ 21-301(b-1) and 21-330.1 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 694 Delegate Jackson, et al**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM – DIVISION OF PAROLE AND PROBATION – WARRANT APPREHENSION UNIT EMPLOYEES – MEMBERSHIP**

Providing for the membership of employees of the Warrant Apprehension Unit in the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System; authorizing specified employees of the Warrant Apprehension Unit to transfer membership to the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System on or before December 31, 2015; requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to transfer specified funds to the accumulation fund of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SP, §§ 26-201(a), 26-202, and 26-203.1 - amended and § 26-203.4 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 695 Delegate C. Wilson, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – VERTICAL RECIPROCATING CONVEYORS – SAFETY STANDARDS**

Providing that vertical reciprocating conveyors are not considered elevators for specified purposes and are regulated by specified safety standards; and requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to adopt specified regulations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

PS, § 12-801(v) - added and § 12-805 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 696 Delegates Haynes and Frush**MARYLAND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 2015**

Exempting recent high school graduates from payment of tuition to attend a community college in the State under specified circumstances; providing a 50% discount on tuition to unemployed individuals attending a community college in the State under specified circumstances; requiring the State to reimburse community colleges for foregone tuition revenue; requiring that funds used to reimburse community colleges shall be paid from the Education Trust Fund; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 16-106.1 - added and SG, § 9-1A-30 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 697 Delegate Davis**LIFE INSURERS – RESERVE INVESTMENTS – LOANS SECURED BY REAL ESTATE**

Altering the maximum term, to not more than 30 years, of specified loans on specified nonresidential and nonfarm real estate that a life insurer may include in its reserve investments; and making conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

IN, § 5-511(g) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 698 Delegate Reznik, et al**REORGANIZATION OF STATE PROCUREMENT**

Reorganizing State procurement by establishing a Chief Procurement Officer to control and oversee all State procurement activity for which specified provisions of law apply; repealing the definition and role of primary procurement units; requiring the Board of Public Works to ensure that regulations for State procurement provide for procedures that are consistent with specified provisions of law; authorizing the Board to require Board approval for procurement actions of more than a specified dollar amount; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SF, Various Sections - amended and §§ 12-107 and 12-108 - repealed

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 699 Delegate Jameson**COMMERCIAL INSURANCE AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE – NOTICE OF PREMIUM INCREASE**

Authorizing a specified notice required under specified circumstances when an insurer seeks to increase the renewal policy premium for policies of commercial or workers' compensation insurance to be delivered by electronic means; providing that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, an insurer shall be considered to have met a specified notice requirement and is not required to deliver a specified notice required by specified provisions of law if the insurer has taken specified actions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

IN, § 27-608 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 700 Delegate Jameson**MARYLAND INSURANCE COMMISSIONER – PRIOR APPROVAL RATE MAKING – EXEMPTIONS**

Exempting from the prior approval rate making process specified kinds of insurance and specified types of insurance coverage.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

IN, § 11-202 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 701 Delegate S. Robinson, et al**AGRICULTURE – CATTLE, SWINE, AND POULTRY – USE OF ANTIMICROBIAL DRUGS**

Prohibiting a person from engaging in the nontherapeutic use of medically important antimicrobial drugs in specified cattle, swine, and poultry on or after October 1, 2016; requiring a specified farm operation to submit specified information under specified circumstances to the Department of Agriculture on or before October 1 each year, beginning on or before October 1, 2017; authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to impose a specified penalty; providing for the application of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

AG, §§ 3-1001 through 3-1005 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 702 Delegate Jones, et al**STATE PERSONNEL – PROGRAMS TO IMPROVE EMPLOYEE TO SUPERVISOR OR MANAGER RATIOS**

Requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management, the Secretary of Transportation, and the governing boards of State institutions of higher education to establish a program to improve the ratio of State employees to supervisors or managers beginning on specified dates; specifying the goals for establishing reasonable ratios of State employees to supervisors or managers; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

SP, § 4-107 and TR, § 2-103.4(a) - amended and TR, § 2-103.4(b)(4) and ED, §§ 12-111(d), 14-104(h)(5), 14-408(d), and 16-510(c) - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 703 Delegate Miele, et al**ESTATES AND TRUSTS – MARYLAND TRUST ACT – INCAPACITY**

Defining “incapacitated” and “incapacity” for purposes of the Maryland Trust Act; and clarifying that a revocable trust does not become irrevocable if the settlor loses the capacity to create a will.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

ET, § 14.5-103(k) and (l) - added and § 14.5-601 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 704 Prince George’s County Delegation**PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – AUTHORITY TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF DISPOSABLE BAGS PG 403–15**

Authorizing Prince George’s County to enact a law that prohibits specified retail establishments from using disposable bags as part of a retail sale of products; and defining “disposable bag” as a paper or plastic bag provided by a store to a customer at the point of sale.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

LG, § 13-1001 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

HB 705 Prince George’s County Delegation**PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PENALTIES PG 304–15**

Altering the fine to not more than \$1,000 for a first offense that the Prince George’s County Board of License Commissioners may impose for a violation that is cause for suspension or revocation of a license under specified alcoholic beverages laws; and authorizing the imposition of a fine up to \$5,000 for a subsequent offense.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

Art. 2B, § 16-507(r) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 706 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ALTERNATIVES TO SUSPENSION PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT PG 412–15

Establishing the Alternatives to Suspension Pilot Program in Prince George's County and identifying the purpose of the Program; providing for the duration of the Program; requiring the Prince George's County Board of Education to select three high schools in Prince George's County to participate in the Program; prohibiting specified principals of specified high schools from suspending a student or recommending a student for expulsion except under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 7-305(a) and (c) - amended and § 7-305.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 707 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – ISSUANCE OF CREDIT CARDS – PROHIBITION PG 411–15

Prohibiting the Prince George's County Board of Education from issuing a credit card to a member of the county board; and providing for a delayed effective date.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 3-1003 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 708 Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION – MEMBERS – ANNUAL SALARY MC/PG 108–15

Altering the annual salary of the members of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission from \$13,500 to \$22,500 for the Chair, from \$13,000 to \$22,000 for the vice chair, and from \$13,000 to \$22,000 for the commissioners.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

PU, § 17-107 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 709 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE FEES FOR USE OF DISPOSABLE BAGS PG 416–15

Authorizing Prince George's County to impose, by law, a fee on specified retail establishments for use of disposable bags as part of a retail sale of products; limiting the amount of the fee to 5 cents for each disposable bag used; and defining "disposable bag" as a paper or plastic bag provided by a store to a customer at the point of sale.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

LG, § 13-1001 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

HB 710 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – SCHOOL PROPERTY – DEVELOPMENT OF POLICY FOR NONEDUCATIONAL USE PG 406–15

Requiring the Chief Executive Officer of the Prince George's County public school system, together with the Prince George's County Board of Education, the County Executive of Prince George's County, and the Prince George's County Parent Teacher Association to develop a policy and criteria for considering and approving noneducational uses of school property.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

ED, § 4-402(e) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 711 Charles County Delegation

CHARLES COUNTY – EMINENT DOMAIN – "QUICK TAKE" AUTHORITY

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to authorize the governing body of Charles County to provide for the immediate taking of private property situated in the County for right of way for County roads, streets, water, sewer, stormwater management, or drainage under specified circumstances; prohibiting the immediate taking of private property situated in the County if the property includes a building or buildings; and submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 40A - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 712 Montgomery County Delegation

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – MICRO-BREWERIES – BEER AND LIQUOR MC 26-15

Authorizing the issuance of a Class 7 micro-brewery license to the holder of a Class D beer, wine and liquor (on-sale) license in Montgomery County; and providing that the holder of or an applicant for a Class D beer, wine and liquor (on-sale) license that is also the holder of a Class 7 micro-brewery license is not required to meet a specified sales ratio.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

Art. 2B, §§ 2-208(b) and 6-401(q) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 713 Delegate Luedtke, et al

NATURAL RESOURCES – TRADE IN IVORY AND RHINOCEROS HORN – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting a person from purchasing, selling, offering for sale, possessing with the intent to sell, or importing with the intent to sell any ivory or rhinoceros horn, subject to specified exceptions; establishing under specified circumstances a presumption that a person possesses ivory or rhinoceros horn with the intent to sell; establishing specified penalties for a violation of the Act; authorizing a court to order that a person who violates the Act pay specified restitution to be used for specified purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

NR, § 10-2A-06.1 - amended and § 10-2A-08.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 714 Delegate Proctor, et al

INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MILITARY RETIREMENT INCOME

Increasing the maximum amount for a subtraction modification under the State income tax for military retirement income from \$5,000 to \$10,000 of military retirement income received; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015

TG, § 10-207(q) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 715 Delegate Korman, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY –
BETHESDA GRACEFUL GROWING TOGETHER COMMUNITY
CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$400,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Graceful Growing Together, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Bethesda Graceful Growing Together Community Center, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 716 Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PRESCRIBER–PHARMACIST
AGREEMENTS AND THERAPY MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS**

Authorizing licensed dentists, physicians, podiatrists, nurse midwives, and nurse practitioners to enter into prescriber–pharmacist agreements for therapy management contracts; requiring the submission of specified documents to specified health occupations boards; requiring specified contracts to include specified provisions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

HO, §§ 12-6A-01, 12-6A-03 through 12-6A-08, and 12-6A-10 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 717 Delegate Kramer, et al**VEHICLE LAWS – EVIDENCE OF REQUIRED SECURITY – CARRYING
WHILE OPERATING VEHICLE**

Requiring the operator of a motor vehicle to carry evidence of specified required security on paper or in an electronic format when operating the motor vehicle; providing that the operator of a moped or motor scooter may carry evidence of a specified required security on paper or in an electronic format; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016

TR, § 17-104.1 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 718 Delegate C. Wilson, et al**STATE PERSONNEL – INNOVATIVE IDEA AWARDS PROGRAM –
ADDITIONAL CASH AWARDS**

Requiring that a specified additional cash award provided to specified State employees under the Innovative Idea Awards Program for innovative ideas shall be equal to 10% of the savings or gain to the State from the innovative idea; and repealing the limit on the amount of the cash award.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SP, § 10-203 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 719 Delegate Sydnor, et al**DISTRICT COURT JURISDICTION – UNINSURED MOTORIST CLAIM**

Expanding the exclusive original civil jurisdiction of the District Court to include a civil action for first-party motor vehicle insurance benefits for uninsured motorist coverage under specified circumstances; and providing for the prospective application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, § 4-401(17) and (18) - amended and § 4-401(19) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 12, 2015**HJ 3 Delegate Branch****STATE GOVERNMENT – VIETNAMESE FREEDOM AND HERITAGE
FLAG**

Urging the Governor to recognize, by proclamation, the Freedom and Heritage flag as the official flag of the Vietnamese American community; urging the Governor to require that a specified flag, if flown on the grounds of State buildings and institutions of higher education, be replaced by the Freedom and Heritage flag; and providing that a copy of the resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Services to specified individuals.

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations